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REMARKS

This preliminary amendment is submitted to correct typographical errors in the original application. No new matter has been added. An early and favorable response on the merits is hereby respectfully requested.

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PRINTING SLEEVE

ADDENDUM SHOWING CHANGES

Page 4, the paragraph beginning at line 25:

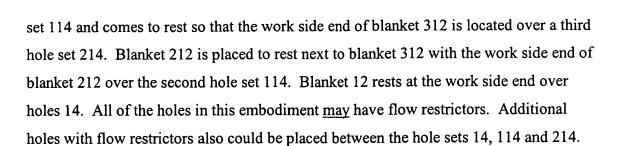
Fig. 1 shows schematically a gear side view of a lithographic offset printing press 1 according to the present invention. A web 5 passes between a nip formed by a first sleeve-shaped blanket 12 and a second sleeve-shaped blanket 62, and then through a second nip formed by a third sleeve-shaped blanket 112 and a fourth sleeve-shaped blanket 162. Blanket 12 is mounted axially on a blanket cylinder 10 having flow restrictors, as will be described with respect to Fig. 2, and blanket 62 is mounted axially on a similar blanket cylinder [60] 59. Plate cylinders 8, 58 contact blankets 12, 62, respectively, to provide an inked image to the blankets, the image then being transferred to the web 5.

Page 5, the paragraph beginning at line 10:

Fig. 2 shows one of the blanket cylinders 10 having a plurality of air holes or nozzles 14 at a work side end of the blanket cylinder 10. When the blanket 12 is removed from or placed on cylinder 10, these holes [12] 14 typically are covered except when the blanket is fully removed. In order to aid in removing and placing the blanket 12 over the cylinder 10, an additional set of flow restricted holes or nozzles 16 is provided. The holes 16 are placed axially between the first set of work side holes [10] 14 and the gear side end of the cylinder. Preferably, the additional holes 16 include at least one hole spaced closer to the gear side end of the cylinder than to the work side end.

Page 6, the paragraph beginning at line 3:

Fig. 3 shows a blanket cylinder 10 for multiple sleeve-shaped blankets 12, 212, 312, show schematically above the cylinder 10. To place the blankets 12, 212, 312 on cylinder 10, blanket 312 passes over work side holes 14, then passes over a second hole



Page 6, the paragraph beginning at line 15:

The restrictor 60 in the embodiment of Figure 5 includes gravel or other three-dimensional objects [62] 63 in an air or fluid supply 70 prior to exit hole 16.